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WRECKED THE COUNTRY

And the Democratic Party at the Same Time.

PRESENT TARIFF LAW DID THIS

Grosvenor Challenges Democrats to Offer the Wilson Bill for Passage Now.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The third day of the tariff debate in the house was almost as dull as the first. There were two notable speeches, one by Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio and the other by Mr. Mullin of Tennessee.

Mr. Grosvenor created much amusement by challenging the Democrats to offer either the Wilson bill, as it passed the house, or the present law, as a substitute for the pending bill.

"The Wilson bill could not secure five votes on that side of the house," said he, "and not ten of you would dare to vote for the present law and go back and look your constituents in the face. That bill confessedly wrecked the country, but thank God it also wrecked the Democratic party." (Laughter and applause.)

In a glowing oration he said the Democratic party would sit on the Stygian shore and read its record by the red light of hell, while every principle upon which the republic was founded would continue to shine in the bright diadem of the Republican party.

Mr. Evans, Republican of Kentucky, a member of the ways and means committee, argued that the bill was distinctly an American measure, which discriminated against neither class nor section.

Mr. Maddox, Democrat of Georgia, challenged Mr. Evans' statement that the bill was not sectional. He said there was an infant industry in Georgia and Alabama, the production of batiste, or aluminum clay, which had asked protection and it had been refused.

"The gentlemen from Georgia should not certain there will not be duty on batiste," interrupted Mr. Dallal, Republican of Pennsylvania. "I favor it and we may place a duty on it."

"I am glad to hear it," said Mr. Maddox.

"There, so far as batiste is concerned, you are a protectionist," said Mr. Walker, Republican of Massachusetts.

"Not necessarily," replied Mr. Maddox, "but I am opposed to the free raw material idea."

Mr. Dallal also advocated a duty on cotton ties and said the raw cotton was taxed.

Mr. Dallal in reply asserted that the price of cotton ties had fallen under the McKinley law from \$3 to \$0 cents, and increased under the present law to \$1.40. In the home market was adequately protected, but committees had been informed that cotton ties could be manufactured and sold at 65 cents.

After some brief remarks by Mr. Adams, Republican of Pennsylvania, in commendation of the reciprocity features of the bill, Mr. Walker, Republican of Massachusetts, closed the debate for the session. He made a vigorous defense of the benefits of protection. He charged that the Democratic speeches were made to baffle their constituents.

"Oh," said he, "if I could only drill some sense into your heads. If I could only inform you, in a few facts, and close with a speech, (Laughter.)

At 5 o'clock the house took a recess until 6 o'clock.

The night session was devoted to set speeches. There were two features of the session that caused attention. Mr. Kerr, Republican of Ohio, severely criticized the reciprocity features of the bill which, he predicted, would wholly fail to secure a valuable concession for the surplus product of agriculture. "We should adopt the McKinley plan of reciprocity," said he, "the plan born in the brain of James G. Blaine." He characterized this as the fatal defect of the bill.

The other feature was the statement of Mr. Castle, Democrat of California, that if "Romie had her Oatmeal, America has her Hamm's."

At 11 o'clock the house adjourned.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, March 21.—The Senate session lasted only half an hour today and no business was done beyond the introduction of bills. Among these was one by Mr. Allen, Populist of Nebraska, to repeal the civil service laws and to do away with educational tests as a preliminary to entering the public service.

Mr. Hoar, Republican of Massachusetts presented a bill prohibiting vice-saloons and hundred-dollar bills of prize fighters in the District of Columbia and the territories and forbidding the shipment of pictures for their exhibition by mail or through any interstate means. The bill is aimed against vice-saloons exhibitions of the recent Carson City fight, although general in its provisions.

NO MYSTERY ABOUT IT.

John Hanley, the Cantua Rancher, Now in Santa Cruz.

SANTA CRUZ, March 24.—Recently a press dispatch appeared stating that officers of Fresno county were investigating a mysterious case in the Cantua creek region in which foul play was suspected. An empty house had been found on a ranch eight miles from any habitation, but the occupants had disappeared. Dieses were on a table covered with dust, just as they had been left. From papers found it was learned that the ranch was owned by John Hanley. The mystery has been cleared up, for Hanley is engaged in the saloon business here. He came here last July on a campaign trip and liked the city so well that he decided to locate here. He may have left his house on the ranch after breakfast. As he did not return to the ranch his long absence led to rumors of foul play.

Valuable Jewelry Stolen.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., March 24.—Mrs. W. P. Wright, wife of the well-known mining broker, was robbed last night at her home of \$5,000 worth of jewelry. The robbery was committed between midnight and 6 o'clock in the morning. The jewelry, which consisted of diamond rings and a pendant, was in Mrs. Wright's boudoir just off her sleeping apartments. The family retired at 12 o'clock and were not disturbed. Mr. Wright offers a reward of \$500 for the capture of the robbers.

Receipts at the Carson Carnival.

CARSON, Nev., March 25.—It is stated that the total receipts at the prior night carnival amounted to \$105,000.

FEATHERWEIGHT CONTEST.

Dixon Declared Winner After the Twenty-Fifth Round.

New York, March 24.—Six thousand people were packed in the Broadway Athletic Club tonight to witness the twenty-five round bout between George Dixon, the world's champion feather-weight, and Frank Eras of Buffalo. These two were matched to meet at 123 pounds, but, although Dixon was at the weight, Eras was easily twelve pounds heavier than his likely adversary. After the twenty-five rounds were completed Dixon was declared the winner. He received an ovation.

Erne led very seldom, and Dixon forced the fighting all through.

When some of the lightweight fighters offered to take Dixon's place on account of Eras being so much overweight, the little Boston boxer said: "No; no; not on your life. I don't care if he weighs a ton. I will fight him and let him have it."

The referee, Dixon's manager, asserted before the boys downed the gavel that the bout definitely had gone to him and he declared all the men of Dixon never looked better in his life. His work in the ring was worthy of his best days. Tonight's contest showed plainly that the decision rendered against him in favor of Erne last year was not merited by Erne'sistic process.

FLOOD NEWS.

Slight Fall at Memphis and the Outlook Encouraging.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 24.—The river bulletin issued by the weather bureau tonight again announces a slight fall in the river at Memphis, ten feet a foot. This has been the record for the past three days, including today. The gauge now registers 36.6 feet. The river predicts that for the next twenty-four hours the river will remain at the same level. The fact that the river continues to fall is encouraging evidence that no considerable fall may be expected in the immediate future.

The situation remains practically unchanged since yesterday. The fact that the levees below the city on the Mississippi side still remain intact and the good news that they will probably withstand any further rise, is calculated to make the outlook more and more cheerful.

The disputing giving the good news concerning the condition of the levees below this city may be relied upon as authentic, being received from the railroad officials from their agents at various places.

THE BLYTHE ESTATE

APPEAL SUSTAINED BY JUSTICE FIELD.

Florence, Being an Alien, Cannot Inherit or Take Real Estate by Succession.

Ferry Boat Disabled.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Travel between Sacramento and San Francisco was interrupted today by an accident to the ferry boat Solano, plying between Benicia and Point Costa, a regular post of the great steamer which transports the trains across the straits of Carquinez, became displaced and consequently all trains had to run via Stockton and Lodi, thereby adding an hour to the time required to make the trip between the capital and this city. It is expected that repairs will be made to the Solano by tomorrow and that travel will be resumed by way of Benicia and Point Costa.

The so-called "Kentucky Blythe" appealed from the decree of distribution of the estate, and set up as the basis of the appeal to the United States supreme court that Florence Blythe was an alien, born in England of an English mother. As a question of succession she could not have succeeded to any real estate, because under the common law an alien cannot inherit or take real estate by succession. The common law provision regarding the common law of the United States prohibits any state making a treaty for itself. The regulation of the rights of an alien to inherit is within the treaty-making power, and states are precluded from dealing with the subject. The statutes of California, section 601-672 of the civil code, which provide that an alien may take real property, are therefore void.

For this reason, it is alleged, Florence Blythe did not inherit. When she appealed to the courts of California and the court of appeals to be allowed an alien to inherit, the court had no jurisdiction and its judgment in her favor was void.

Among the claimants classed as the Kentucky Blythes are: Bessie M. Blythe of Downie Cal.; John W. Blythe of Fulton, Ky., and Henry T. Blythe of Blytheville, Ark.

W. H. H. Hart, leading counsel for Florence Blythe, when seen today, had not heard of the action of the United States supreme court. He declared that the opinion of the writ of error by Justice Field would make no difference whatever. The writ might have been issued in an incorrect or insufficient showing and immediately the proper showing was made it would be withdrawn.

A RAILROAD TRADE.

DEAL BETWEEN THE SANTA FE AND SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

The Line From Mojave to the Needles to Be Exchanged for the Sonora Railway.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—The termination of the negotiations now pending between the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific railroad corporations is being anxiously awaited. The negotiations for the transfer of the line between the Mojave and the Needles for the piece of track between Benson, Ariz., and the town of Guaymas, on the gulf of California, have been in progress for some time, and it is stated on excellent authority that the big deal will be consummated in the near future.

The precise terms of the transfer of the two big railroad properties is a matter that has not been made public as yet for the reason that the details have not all been agreed upon. There is a difference in the mileage of the two lines in favor of the Sonora railway and the Sonora railway has an equipment of its own, while the line across the Mojave desert is being operated by the Atlantic and Pacific, with the Atlantic and Pacific taking part in the blockade of Greece without first consulting the chamber of deputies.

It is stated that Great Britain had intimated to the powers that if Greece is blockaded, steps should also be taken to blockade the Turkish ports.

According to the reports in diplomatic circles here, the powers have already been notified to this effect.

The British advisors are making the best of the situation by pointing to the fact that so long as the Sultan has the support of the other powers, he has nothing to fear from Great Britain. It is whispered that France will, in all probability, follow the example of Great Britain, France, it is expected, is ready to take the step without disturbing to any appreciable degree her accord with Russia.

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THE LEGISLATIVE SCANDAL.

It was fitting that the legislature should meet in a scandalous manner; it would have been inappropriate if it had met in its final hour the law-making body should treat itself with a respect which none else will extend to it. In turning itself into a universal clown it adopted the highest role which it could expect to hold in the popular esteem. The legislature which began its career with the endorsement of Duckworth's "honesty and warmth" in the way through scandal and suggestion of scandal to the state-pervading strength of the coyote-bounty what better could it hope than that somebody might mistake it for the clown whose paint and spotted gash it dons? Folly is not admirable, but it is better that knavery, and if the legislature could prevail upon the people to adopt the estimate it set upon itself in its final hour, it would be the gainer in the popular estimation.

But if the legislature hoped that publicity would be forgotten in the contemplation of buffoonery, it hoped too much. The disgrace of the final revelations in connection with the coyote-bounty bill will not be overlooked; it cannot be, for that disgrace is shared by every citizen of the state. The telegrams conclusively establish that money was used in the purchase of legislative votes, and the change of rates indicates that it was not used in vain. It was while these revelations were fresh, and while the assembly might better have been engaged in weeping for its disclosed shame, that it donned its clownish motley. An appreciation of itself, as it existed, did not seem to be a characteristic of the body. Deserving contempt, as it did, it donned its fool's cap and jingled its bell so blithely as if it were not entitled to be pilloried by the populace for its record of shame. At the very time when it was most an object for scorn, its harlequin chuckle was the loudest.

It is appropriate at this time to exempt Assembliesmen Burnett, Anderson and McNeil from any possibility of condemnation and, more, to give deserved honor to them for the promptitude and force with which they acted in securing the incriminating telegrams. To the first named of these three men special credit is due. If it had not been for him, and them, Superintendent Jaynes of the Western Union Telegraph company would have succeeded in his attempt to guard that quiet parties who were engaged in this business of corruption. And right here the interesting question arises: To what extent will a telegraph company shield its patrons in criminal enterprises? If they are engaged in corrupting legislatures it will shield and protect them. If a man who was about to lose a bank should telegraph to his "pal" to assist him, would the company be equally certain to guard his criminal interests? It would be interesting to know just where a telegraph company does run its line of moral damaration in such cases. And to what extent does the law applicable to accessories in crime pertain to a telegraph company?

The legislature adjourned without discussing of this ugly business. It had no right to do so. If the legislators would have been compelled to stay in Sacramento another week to sift this half-exposed crime to its full revealment, it was their duty to do it. The disgrace came to the state through some of them, and it was their place to rectify it, so far as such a thing might be possible. To the certainty that bidders and unspeakable knaves were in the legislature, they had no right to add the further certainty that these most dangerous of villains would be unpunished. No question of convenience or inconvenience should have been weighed for a moment against the duty they owed to the state to investigate the crime and punish the criminals.

While the charges of the Examiner against this legislature were lacking in reasonableness and discrimination, they have so far been sustained that the people know that bidding and bidders were features of that body. If they do not know exactly who are these legislative bribe-takers, nobody is so much to blame as the legislature which adjourned amid a flourish and blaze of buffoonery, leaving the investigation unfinished and its labors without a commencement report. The knaves were there, but the lawmakers permitted them to stalk away from the penalty of their crimes. Dibble, Cutler, Cross and Bettman even tried to suppress the telegrams after they were secured, but they alone possessed that remarkable effrontry; the balance of the legislature simply let the knaves go by dropping inquiry and adjourning.

If California should be without a legislature for two years to come, we think that less harm would result than has resulted of this one graceless body with its ceaseless tale of scandal. Its disgrace is upon the whole state, and something of its odium attaches to us all. Recently which we elected was in that law-making body, and the state cannot avoid either responsibility or the shame which attaches to the responsibility. It is a bad business, and California's reputation abroad will suffer on account of it.

The censure which the people of Fresno find in contemplating the unpleasant spectacle is that none of the column attaches to her representatives. They, without exception, return to their constituency with unblemished records.

GLADSTONE, the grand old Englishman, has issued a book reviewing the Eastern situation and depicting in plain and forcible Anglo-Saxon the infamy and shame of the position taken by the great powers. Under his burden of years and in the retirement which they alone have brought to him Gladstone stands preeminent the greatest and grandest moral and intellectual personality in the old world today.

The Los Angeles Express has been sold to a syndicate, which will run it as a Republican paper. The Express should be the best evening paper in the state outside of San Francisco, for it has the field.

HAS PUGILISM LOST CASTE?

The prince of optimists, the Tuleare Emperor, clasps its readers on the broad of the back and cheerfully declares that the comparatively slim attendance at the Caruso affair has demonstrated that prize fighting has lost caste. It says:

"Nearly every man in America, and a good many in Europe, felt an interest in the prize fight yesterday at Carson, but the interest was not so deep as to cause many people to go to Carson to see the fight. The attendance was not, a fourth estate as anticipated, and, naturally, the great loss of money was a failure."

This is an encouraging fact. When among sportsmen with people only three or four thousand paid money to go to the most widely advertisedistic contest in history, it must be that pugilism has lost caste.

The Republicans would be pleased to exit with the Tuleare contemporary, but somehow it doubts whether there is any real opportunity to do a sensible shill on the part of pugilism at the present time. If it has lost caste, nothing more than the slim attendance at Carson will be required to demonstrate it. This we say in view of the fact that the big daily newspapers devoted double the amount of space to it than they have to any previous fight, that the great mass which gathered in the streets of Chicago, 2000 miles distant from the scene of the conflict, stopped the cable cars and blocked the trails of all kinds, and that public interest quite generally was manifested in almost as great a degree as it would have been in the result of a national election.

The attendance was slim at the Carson fight because it was neither or five hundred miles "from nowhere," and the amount of money required to make the trip was greater than most people who were anxious to go could bear, however or steal during these hard times. Had the fight been held in San Francisco or in any populous center the attendance would beyond doubt have been enormous.

The only hopeful sign that the Republicans can see in the Carson affair has no relation to the small attendance, except as it was affected by the barriers which the law had raised against it. It may be reasonably believed, too, that the graphic, voluminous and highly illustrated reports made of the fight by the big papers were sufficient to satisfy a good many people who would otherwise have felt impelled to witness the manning with their own eyes. But can the "Reb" see in this any indication that the pugilism has lost caste? The Republicans admits that it is.

The law which has been enacted against prize fighting are the only evidence obtainable to this paper that civilization is advancing beyond the brats which finds its highest satisfaction in witnessing a "fight to a finish."

The Republicans claim that the Examiner has advised any withholding of general assistance from the racing committee, now on its mission at Washington, is a malignant type of falsehood. * * * It is a willful falsehood to charge the Examiner with any but the most timely advice in behalf of the racing interest. We have simply said that the hope of success depends on Senator White, and that efforts in the way of information may be wasted if not directed thereto.—Is stated in J. H. Butler's paper.

That appears to be plain enough.

Mr. Butler's paper advises the people of Fresno that information regarding the date on which currants will be wasted unless sent to Senator White. If that does not mean that such information will be wasted if sent to the committee selected by the raisin growers and business men of Fresno, it has no meaning at all. In thus airing the personal and political animosities of its publisher the Examiner is making another remarkable spectacle of that paper.

EX-SENATOR ISGALLIN gives evidence that he is, at any rate, incapable of learning wisdom of experience. He says regarding his late ambassadorial appointment to Carson:

There are a great many things in this world that a man is glad to see once, but does not care to see again. I never saw a prize-fight before, and I still stand a nonentity, no matter what compensation may be offered—not because it is wrong, but because once is enough for me. I feel like Lord Chesterfield, who, after his first day's hunting, inquired of his host if a gentleman ever did it a second time.

The Republicans has not given up all hope of the Kansas statehood, and the above demonstrates that our faith in the saving grace of his intelligence was not unfounded.

Frogs census returns the population of Europe has doubled in seventy years. According to the learned English geographer, Ravenicci, there will be more people than the earth can feed in 178 years. That presents an interesting problem for future generations, but does not effect the problem of how to profitably and satisfactorily distribute the world's sufficient products at the present time.

Some of the justly celebrated statesmen of Kansas propose to pass a law prohibiting the use of typesetting machines in that state. An objection to such a measure is in its limited scope. If so amended as to apply to all labor saving machinery it would amount to something. Kansas can never cut much figure in the scheme of things while it continues to be hampered by conservatism.

EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND will use the Wilson tariff sheet for gas-welding next duck season.—Harford Democrat.

The deadly effect of the thing has been widely demonstrated, but the game law which prohibits the use of deadfalls and dynamite ought to prevent its use on ducks.

Now Thomas Jefferson Sharkey rises up and proclaims himself the world's champion pugilist. Sharkey is undoubtedly justified in his claim for something or other in the way of a title. The iron-clad champion of the water-front would probably be about the right thing.

The anti-spitting ordinance has gone into effect in San Francisco, but Fresno sidewalk is still decorated by chivalrous artists with saluted designs resembling as much as anything war maps of Cuba or ex-Secretary Morton's pictorial calendar of the interior of a hog.

PRESIDENT MCINNLEY has dismissed twenty of the twenty-four policemen who guarded the White House during Cleveland's occupancy. It naturally took a greater number of men to guard so large and costly a treasure as Grover.

The legislator want put like a spitting yellow dip in a gale of wind.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

The opinion of Hon. J. G. Elliott of Merced on the subject of the state legislature is spicy, brief and to the point. It is worthy of earnest, if not prayerful consideration, too, for Mr. Curtis is a member of the present assembly. In a letter to a friend in Merced, which is published in the Express, that genial man says:

"The morning our chaplain in his opening prayer, referred to the time when the wicked shall cease from troubling, and the weary be at rest." Of course, and naturally, when this happened, adjourn, and when will be the day? If I could secure a constitutional amendment providing that the legislature shall not have to meet in ten years, in my opinion, we'd be rid of the state.

"The amount of special legislation which is attempted is amazing. scarcely any man's business is safe. I imagine that the state will be the easier when we adjourn."

"The legislature, as the fellow remarked above the egg, is not what it was cracked up to be. I may not be able to get to the egg again, I shall shoot him with a musket full of hot musk."

There is a frankness about this epistolary effort which is more flattering to Mr. Elliott than it is to the honorable body of which he is a member. As a literary production it is not without its demerits, but in the art of revolution it is not often excelled. The honorable gentleman may indeed shoot hot musk witness in this country again, when the special session of congress was called by Cleveland, instead of the party presenting a united front to its enemies, the Democratic representatives seemed to take special delight in fighting among themselves. Every man was leader, and there were none to follow.

With the Republicans it is different.

The leaders of the party meet and discuss, and it is carried out without

windmills. If there is any fight,

it is done in a cause, and the outcome is known.

The prediction of the Times is evidently justified by the manner in which the Republicans are setting themselves to the task which the voters laid out for them. The Republicans also concur with the Times in its further opinion that if the anticipated benefits are not realized from the policy outlined in McKinley's inaugural before the expiration of his term, that the battle for financial "reform" on the lines of independent "free coinage" will be renewed, with increased vigor. If conditions materially improve during the next four years the financial issue will become of secondary importance in the campaign of 1900.

EX-SENATOR GORECHESE says in the paper he is managing during the municipal campaign that the Republican "stiffers" have been scared out of the Second Ward by Democratic threats, and that striped clothes are awaiting others of that kind. The Republicans hopes that every illegal voter in both wards will receive the punishment which fits the crime, and it need not be doubted that Republicans will be as active as Democrats in preventing illegal voting or in securing the punishment of those who vote illegally. Political rivalry of that sort will not be objected to by any citizen who believes in an honest ballot, and if the evidence is not lacking, there will be plenty of work to do. Residents of the Second Ward rank in the most thoroughly reputable voting element of the city, but that has not prevented the temporary location there of notorious vagrants and opium fiends who are hooded to vote the Democratic ticket. They have registered nine voters from Little Shady and Fifteen from another small house. Some of these fellows have made admissions that will convict them if they cast their votes, and they will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law if they lay themselves bare by voting. There cannot be too much activity displayed by any party in ferreting out the kind of citizen who makes merchandise of his vote by ward railing or otherwise, and so is as the Republicans is concerned it desires to see all of that class eliminated before the election regardless of any question of party. Let us hope that is the case.

The Sacramento Bee makes a charge against Chief Clerk Duckworth which is based and most forcibly be stated in its own language. It says:

"This man, who should be in the penitentiary for what he has done and for what he still continues to do, has made his bones in the vilest language that he will fix every hill in which and never a paper is interested. He was caught in some of his work last night, and he may have damaged our office yesterday, but he will be reprimanded if he is found guilty."

That this system must culminate in misrepresentation in the legislature and elsewhere is a fact too evident to be disputed. It puts a premium upon the "pull" in politics and offers a golden opportunity to wily schemers. So long as Will he run well? Is the question of questions, we must expect the frequent demonstration that a knave may run as well or better than an honorable man. That is, if the representatives are not all bad, it is because the people are not all good. It may happen that a tough can control more votes than an excellent citizen; then nominate the tough.

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A DOUBLE HANGING

Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling Executed

FOR THE PEARL BRYAN MURDER

Both Criminals Protest Their Innocence and Carry Their Secrets to the Grave.

Newport, Ky., March 20.—The murder of Pearl Bryan, fourteen months ago, was avenged today by a double hanging. Scott Jackson and Alonzo M. Walling were executed in 11:14 a. m. from the same scaffold. There was a double trap, but only one lever, and when Sheriff Plummer pulled the lever both dropped the same instant. Walling, however, lingered a moment longer than Jackson. The neck of neither one was broken, and both struggled hard in the process of strangulation.

The arrangements were complete and the performance was so perfect that it was without any incident unusual on such occasions. Both men were nervous to the last, and on the gallows protested their innocence and died with their secret so that it may never be known what was done with the head of Pearl Bryan, or where she lodged the two nights previous to her murder, or what part each took in the decapitation, or whether others were implicated.

There were over 300 men within the enclosure to witness the hanging, and many thousands around the jail, but the military, special deputies and police maintained order. This execution was quickly disposed of, no neither had anything to say except to declare his innocence, and Rev. A. J. Legg's brief in his service.

There was, however, a long delay, as Jackson and Walling continued their tactics of false confessions as long as possible. Sheriff Plummer intended to hang the men at 7 a.m., so as to avoid the great crowds that assembled later in the day. On account of the promise of a confession, the execution was postponed until 8 a.m., and then to 9 a.m., when Jackson declared Walling was not guilty. Then followed much wrangling on points with Governor Bradley. When the crowds learned that Jackson was still making confessions and the governor was considering the respite of Walling, there were many demonstrations in the large crowds assembled, but the police and militia kept all at safe distance. Both men had been making confessions for some weeks and could dictate them next day. Both of these repudiated all their confessions before they died.

When Governor Bradley and Sheriff Plummer finally met Jackson for details and definite information about Walling, the former said he could not say if the man of his death, that the latter was innocent. Governor Bradley then ordered the sheriff to proceed, and when the announcement was made to the crowd, there were cheers and marked demonstrations for the governor.

The ingenuity of able counsel and friends had been used during the past week to influence the governor, by false confessions and other legal schemes, to give up his rights and modify the sentence of Walling, but Governor Bradley analyzed the case too closely for these plans to become operative.

From 9 a.m. until the execution many false reports were circulated about Walling being resoled, and these reports caused the greatest excitement around the jail. The scaffold was in the open air of the court yard, and outside the crowd was easily kept interested to what was going on in the enclosure. The ultimate result was hanging, maintained at 9 a.m., which only the counsel, friends, parents and officers were admitted. The excitement extended into Downington, the Black Jacks were put out and more than the execution, and there were crowds everywhere. None of the members of the Bryan family from Greenastle, Ind., were present. They were represented by Silas A. Hayes, Fred Hayes, S. Ranck, William Blawer, A. A. Black and W. E. Starn, friends of the Bryan family. Soon after the execution the crowd left the streets surrounding the jail, but they did not leave until after the bodies of the men had been taken away.

Tonight the city is as quiet as usual. It has been disturbed by these men for over a year.

The remains of Walling were taken to his native town at Hamilton, Ohio, today.

The remains of Scott Jackson were interred tonight at the Cincinnati cemetery. His mother is opposed to cremation, but had the body incinerated so she could take the ashes to her home at Greenastle, Ind., and not suffer the mortification of being refused burial there. The widowed mother was unable to bear the expense of taking their old horse home in Maine, as at first contemplated.

The friends of the Bryan family, who were to attend the execution, stated that no ceremony in that vicinity would give a permit for his burial there.

There are rumors tonight about additional confessions that both men are said to have left, but no confidence is placed in any confession, since the man said before their death today that they had made a mistake in listening to those who had advised the confessions, and hence they died with their secret.

Although it is generally concluded that Dr. Wagner, who was accused by the men as being their accomplice, had no guilty knowledge of the murder whatever, yet it is generally believed there are other parties implicated, and that the facts may now come out.

ACTOR CORBETT.

He Will Revive "The Naval Cadet" in a Few Weeks.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—James J. Corbett, ex-champion, announced today that he would revive "The Naval Cadet" and start on the road again, opening at Los Angeles in a few weeks and afterwards touring the Pacific coast. He believes he will be as big a drawing card as ever and says he can make more money on the road than Fitzsimmons. "I would like to stop in the same towns with Fitzsimmons," concluded Corbett, "and show who is the most popular."

Corbett says his own strength lies in the fact that besides being a first-class fighter he is a first-class actor. Brady, Corbett's hacker, is still downcast over the battle, taking the defeat more to heart than his protege.

W. D. Grady's Case Continued.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—The case of W. D. Grady, charged with malfeasance in his court to next Monday, the question as to who will hear the case not having been decided. Grady engaged in a brawl in the saloon annex of the Orpheum on the night of January 19th, and bit off the ear of a waiter who tried to quell the disturbance. His case was set for the 20th, but for various reasons has been continued for thirteen times. Grady has consented to try the case.

A FEW STRANDED SPORTS

Left in Carson, and They Will Be Forced Out by the Police.

CARSON, Nev., March 20.—Carson is rapidly relaxing to ordinary condition. All the visitors have left with the exception of a few stranded sports, and they will be forced out of town by the police authorities in a couple of days.

The permanent mercantile portion of the city will come out ahead on the proposition, but yet not up to their expectations.

Dan Stuart departed for Dallas, Texas, tonight. Stuart claims that he had no money to buy the ticket. It is stated that the big promoter will attempt to match the fare of Shirley in August.

The Western Union will pull down only two of the several extra wires strung to accommodate press matter during the last contest, and this is a good indication that a tennis fours contest has leaked out.

The charge against Billy Smith was dismissed this morning and he was placed aboard an east-bound train.

The sheriff reported sixty-six arrests, sixty-five of which were drunks and disorderly, and one for murder.

OAKLAND RACES.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—Weather took Oakland; track fast.

One mile—Roselle won, Thelma 2.

Alma Andrew 3. Time 1:43.

Andrea 2, Quadrille 3. Time 1:23.

Six furlongs—Miss Brunilda 1. Sal.

Kingsgate 2. Salvation 3. Time 1:15.

Four furlongs—Nancy 1. Time 0:48 1/4.

One Roman 3. Time 1:43.

One mile—Sue Pin won, Cabrillo 2. San Marco 3. Time 1:42.

Two miles, hurdle—Esperance won, J. O. C. 2. Baby Bill 3. Time 3:50.

LAW MAKERS ADJOURN

The Last Day's Session An Exciting One.

A FEW "COYOTE" TELEGRAMS

The Committee Deployed the Lack of Time to Investigate Further.

SACRAMENTO, March 20.—This, the last day of the session, was not the least important in the history of the legislature, and it was one of the most exciting ever finished. Tonight it was calm enough. In the senate Lieutenant Governor Jeter was presented with a handkerchief service as a mark of esteem in which the members of the senate held him, and he was lauded and applauded to the skies for his uniform courtesy during the session.

In the assembly the usual turbulent windup of the session was carried out and the events of the day were well nigh forgotten. The events of the day began early in the morning.

At 9 o'clock the committee on re-treatment went into executive session to feast on the telegrams that had been captured at Truckee. They found fourteen which related to the notorious coyote bounty bill, and at least three of them showed that attempts had been made to use money in securing the passage of the measure. While the committee was in the midst of its work Superintendent Frank Jay Gould, the Western Union representative, came to him and told him he had trouble with a telegrapher. He had trouble with a telegrapher? "Yes," he said. "What's the trouble?" "I'm sorry, but I've got a telegrapher here who is trying to get me to sign a bill in my name." "What's the bill?" "It's a bill to prohibit the sale of alcohol in California."

Jeter was asked if he would sign the bill.

"I will," he said. "I will sign it, but I will not sign it unless you will do the same." "I will," said the telegrapher.

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MAIL CLERKS ENTERTAINED

An Excursion to Santa Cruz and the Big Trees.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—The sessions of the railway mail clerks' convention suspended today in order that the delegates might go on an excursion by train to Santa Cruz and enjoy a mid-winter bath in the ocean. About 400 were in the party. That train stopped an hour at the big trees, and Santa Cruz the visitors were received by the local officials with brass bands. Mayor Clark of Santa Cruz and C. E. Johnson, chairman of the excursion, gave speeches of welcome and the visitors were entertained at a hotel, each delegate being provided with a bouquet of flowers. In the afternoon the excursionists were driven in four-in-hand along the cliffs. While they were being thus entertained the cars of the excursion train were elaborately decorated with flowers by the Santa Cruz Floral Society. The delegates returned to this city at a late hour this evening. Tomorrow the convention will hold its final session.

BY NOOSE AND PISTOL

Routes of Self-Destruction for Two Men.

ONE HAD "SUICIDAL MANIA."

Vineyardist George Ramsey Was Hanging Dead in a Barn for Two Weeks.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Two suicides were yesterday's record for the coroner's office. Two men, as could best be ascertained, had ended their lives because of a mortal desire for self destruction.

The case first called to the attention of Coroner Long solved a mystery which had been exercising the people of Klamath Colony, east of this city, for the past two weeks. George Ramsey, a vineyardist, had disappeared, and no trace of him could be found till his dead body was discovered on Sunday suspended by a rope from the rafters in a barn near his house. It had been hanging there during the two weeks he was missing.

The discovery was made by R. W. Edmiston, who happened to have been occupying the house which stands on the hill opposite half a mile east and half a mile north of the Klamath school house.

A messenger was sent to Roeding's place near this city, and from there Stephen & Bean, the undertakers, were notified by telephone. The coroner was over at Roeding last night. One night he was at the ranch of the deceased, and nothing was done in the matter.

The body of the rancher was left hanging where it was found for another day, and not until yesterday afternoon was the inquest held at the barn. The inquest was taken while the dead body was not unstrung.

Chris Wolf testified that he and the deceased had been living together. Two weeks ago yesterday Ramsey left the house to go to work at pruning in the vineyard. The inquest was adjourned until the next day.

Following are a few:

"SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 9.—H. Blodgett, Bakerfield, Cal.—Bill of committee on third reading; might reach tomorrow; bill, (signed) 'Baker.'

"SACRAMENTO, March 10.—S. A. Blodgett, Sacramento—Bill of committee on third reading; might reach tomorrow; bill, (signed) 'Blodgett.'

"FLOOD SUFFERERS.

ALL KINDS OF CLOTHING NEEDED FOR REFUGEES.

Alarming Reports of Breaks in the Lever North and South of Memphis.

McLEANS, Tenn., March 20.—Alarming reports are being received in this city to-night of breaks in the levees both north and south of Memphis. Government officials state that the levee broke at Sault Ste. Marie, Ark., late last night and that a great torrent is pouring into the low lands of Arkansas, adding to the misery and suffering already prevalent there. Other reports are to the effect that the levee has broken between Memphis and Helena, but nothing definite can be learned of this.

The committee reported that it was of the opinion that money should be used to repair the damage, but that the amount of money required was not known.

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CANT TELL THE TRUTH

An "Expositor" Article
Nearly All False.

ATTACK ON CLERK SHANKLIN
Grossly Misrepresented Regarding His Attitude Toward Certain Candidates.

From Thursday's Daily.
The *Expositor* has evidently entered into a contract with somebody to do its utmost to make itself the object of the scorn and derision of the people of Fresno. This would seem to be a strange undertaking, but the *Expositor* is a strange paper. It must have acknowledged that it is succeeding famously, and a few more articles like those in which it opposed the Valley railroad, because the company refused to be held up by it, or like those in which it tried, for personal reasons, to discredit the movement which makes the mining industry of the country will bring the evening papers a degree of success beyond even its most extravagant expectations, perhaps.

Last evening's issue of the newspaper sheet contained an article which for ignorance, malice and falsehood it would be impossible to excel. This article referred to is that in which City Clerk Shanklin is attacked because of his alleged refusal to place G. W. Johnson's name on the municipal ticket at his "assumption of judicial power." This article is backed up by an added editorial in the *Expositor*. That article is taken to task for trying to "determine the election law," etc. The pothouse style of the paragraph shows it to be a product of the senatorial pen of Ross Goucher. It is somewhat surprising that he wrote it, for, being a lawyer, he ought to know better; but it may be that when political capital is to be made he prefers to hide his legal lore under a bushel of subtext.

Mr. Shanklin was shown the *Expositor* article last evening by a *Republican* reporter and made the following statement:

"The article is full of lies. There is hardly a true assertion in it. When G. W. Johnson filed his certificate of nomination with me recently I saw that he wished to be put on the ticket as an 'independent' candidate. Now, I had already a certificate of nomination from an independent candidate in that ward—Grant Nelson—and it was a serious question whether it would be legal to put on the ticket two candidates for the same office having the same party designation. I mentioned this matter to Mr. Johnson and, as required by law, stated my objection to filing it in writing. Section 10 of the election laws says:

"'We may give certificates of nomination in presented for filing to any officer authorized to file the same, each officer shall forthwith, upon receipt of the same and before filing, examine the same, and if there is any defect, omission or reason why the same should not be filed, each officer shall return and forthwith designate, in writing, the defect, omission, or reason why such certificate cannot be filed, and return the same certificates to the person presenting the same, with such written designation of the omission or reason for not filing the same, etc.'

"That's my answer to the silly charge that I'm trying to 'pose as a judge of the laws.' However, I told Johnson and his attorney, Mr. Hubbard, who was with him, that I would submit the matter to the city attorney and abide by his decision no matter what my private opinion might be. I did mention the matter to Attorney Cory, who was looking after Mr. McMurtry's case during the latter part of his lifetime. When the 13th came I having come to the city hall to attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees, but received no opinion from him. Subsequently I telephoned to his office several times, but he was always out. Finally last Saturday I took all the certificates of nomination that had been filed with me to Mr. Cory's office and laid them before him, calling his attention to Johnson's position. After looking over the law he gave an offhand opinion that there was no cause to prevent filing it as an independent candidate on the ticket so long as their certificates of nomination were in proper form. I asked him if they were in proper form and he answered that that was for me to judge, adding that the certificates had evidently been prepared by attorneys. In conclusion he advised me to consult a certain attorney about the matter. I told Mr. Cory that unless he gave me a written opinion advising the contrary, I would put Johnson's name on the ballot."

"Frankly, on the subject I might as well mention another matter which I called to Mr. Cory's attention. John A. Kline was nominated for the office of city trustee from the Fifth Ward by Democrats and Populists. In the certificate of nomination filed by the Populists his name is given as John A. Kline, but the Democratic certificate is J. A. Kline. I asked Mr. Cory how to put Kline's name on the ticket. His advice was to put each name on the ticket with the party designation after each. Since City Attorney Montrice's return referred the matter to him, and he advised me to put Kline's name on the ticket as J. A. Kline, as given in the Democratic certificate, and place both party designations after the name. It appears to me, however, that I have no right to change the name in such a manner."

"My sole purpose is to get the names of the candidates on the ballot correctly and in a legal manner. I do not wish any mistake to creep in that might invalidate the election of any one. When Grant Nelson filed his certified nomination I pointed out the errors it contained and advised him to have them corrected. I shall act in this matter entirely aside from the election, however, and wish to be treated with entire freedom to act."

"For the remainder of the article I can discover very little truth in it. It is absolutely false that Mr. Johnson expressed himself to me in language that would not look very well in print; we never had any words. The charge that I told Nelson his name could not go on the ticket as an independent candidate from the Fifth Ward because Johnson was so designated, and thus tried to give him his name on the ballot is a gross lie. I have no objection to Grant Nelson since he got his certificate March 8th and do not remember having seen him since. This morning I telephoned to Editor Goucher that I had drafted the ballot for the city election as I intended to print it, and invited him, as chairman of the Democratic city committee, to come to my office and examine the draft. Mr. Hixson, I believe, was at the other end of the telephone and he told me he would at once notify Editor Goucher. Mr. Goucher did not show up, however."

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He is a Married Man.

It came out Monday that Walter E. Fawcett, manager of the Wal-Mart at San Francisco, and well known among the wheelin' men of that city, had been a bachelor since last October. In that month he married Miss Florence Pfeiffer of Alameda, but owing to business reasons it was decided to keep the marriage a secret for a while. Mr. Fawcett is interested in the Tachydrome here.

The Thursday Night Club gave a dance last evening at Elstein hall. The attendance was good and a pleasant evening was spent. The club's next event, the final one of the season, will be at Armory hall.

FUNERAL OF MRS. HARRELL.

Resolution of Sympathy by the Classmates of the Deceased.

From Thursday's Daily.
The funeral of Mrs. Zue Minard Harrell, wife of Dr. T. P. Harrell and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Minard of this city, was held yesterday evening from the Presbyterian church, which had been secured for the occasion. The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Martin, pastor of the Christian church, of which the deceased was a member. The songs were by the choir of the church and the sermon by Rev. Martin were very impressive.

The pall bearers, young men of the Christian Endeavor Society, in which the deceased had been an active worker, were Frank Craycroft, George Tracy, Charles L. Hill, Oscar Purcell, Almon Chapman and Sid C. Marshall. The family were largely attended by the friends of the deceased. Among them were the members of the Class of '94, in which the deceased graduated from the high school. They attended in a body.

The class of '95 has adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas, Our all-wise and loving Heavenly Father has called to himself our esteemed classmate, Mrs. Zue Minard Harrell, therefore be it

"Resolved, By the class of '94, Fresno high school—First, we express to his widow our sincere sympathy and hearty sympathy in this, their great bereavement; and command them to the Father of Mercies and God of all comfort for a higher consolation than earth can furnish."

"Second—That a copy of this resolution be sent to the husband and parents of the deceased and published in the daily papers of this city."

"Class of '94, F. H. S."

CORONER'S INQUEST.

The Jury Said "Grady" Died of Alcoholism.

Coroner Long held an inquest yesterday on the body of George Degroot, bartender during his lifetime known as "Grady," who was found dead in his room on Tuesday evening. An autopsy was made by Dr. G. H. Aiken, and the verdict of the jury was "death from alcoholism, an enlarged liver and ulcerated stomach."

The deceased was about 42 years of age, and he had worked around Degen's saloon in this city for several years past. Relatives are living in Indiana, and these have been telegraphed to by Stephenous & Bean, asking what disposition of the body they wish to have made. No answer has been received yet.

A Valuable Pamphlet.

The REPUBLICAN is in receipt of a pamphlet issued by the ratin committee that is working at Washington to secure a higher tariff on Taft's curtauls for the benefit of members of congress. Though not bulky, it appears to contain everything worth calling the attention of Congress to and if carefully read cannot fail to have its influence. It gives the history of legislation on raising and curtauls, proves that the so-called Taft "curtail" is a grape and presents significant statistics concerning the raised industry in this country and Spain.

THE SONG RECITAL.

MISS ALEXIA BASSIAN CHARMED HER HEARERS.

A Very Large Attendance at Her Entertainment Last Evening.

That Fresno is appreciative of good music was demonstrated by the attendance at Miss Alexia Bassian's song recital in Einstein hall last evening. The talented singer had been heard at the recent concert given by the Apollo club, and the result was that she made her debut with a bang.

A three year old son of the unfortunate couple has been taken to Missouri by some of his mother's relatives, who have said they will care for the little one from further disgrace. Rockwell was packing the car for the trip. After the shooting Rockwell went to the jail and gave himself up.

Mrs. Rockwell lingered between life and death for several months at the county hospital. She displayed such vitality that it was thought she might recover, but she subsequently took a turn for the worse and succumbed to her injury.

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O. H. Winslow, who lives in that locality and has been doing some prospecting on the piano which were very well received. The professor was at his best and played excellently. His performance last evening was probably the best he has ever given in public.

The selections rendered by Miss Bassian were "The Creation—with Verdier Chay," "Cradle Song," "Bal Gerfaut," "Mignon," "Page Song from 'Les Huguenots,'" "Gavotte from 'Mazeppa,'" "Comin' Thro' the Rye," "Erl King," "The Last Rose of Summer," "Squiddeilda," from "Garman," "The Swanee River" and "Ave Maria."

Professor Reite Reiss played a violin solo to the strains of "Ave Maria."

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THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

Insanity is Not Produced by Religion.

THE DEATH OF DOCTOR LEACH

An Excuse Which Is Not an Excuse. Generosity of One Kind and of Another.

For Seling a Dime.

Married on a Saturday night, and on the following Thursday night a "raving maniac" in a county jail—it is not often that one reads of a sadder case than this of A. F. Blanton of Selma. On the wedding day, if ever, one dreams of such small happiness as the world hardly contains for "man born of woman," and to have this dream so soon terminated in the unutterable shudder of lunacy is an addition to sorrowful that it will may shock even those who are not very well acquainted with the two extremes; nor I know not who is the more to be pitied, the one whose mind has gone astray, or the one whose life had so recently been united to that of the stricken one. Perhaps the greater gynaecology is due to the former, who fully and always knew his own.

Blanton was an estimable and exemplary young man. Then he receives favors now, for which the management of that road and the fate blessed.

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What I want to know is where is the connection between the city clerkship and patent bed braces? Major Dennett's intention into politics and bed braces at the same time is too suspicious a combination to be overlooked.

I am convinced that there is some sort of a hidden connection between the two things. He means to use the brace in bracing voters or something of that sort, but for the life of me I can't see how he will do it. Nevertheless the combination ought to be watched.

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Every circus has its clown, and—

But I am wandering; all that I meant to say is that Grant Nelson's candidacy is not so entirely peculiar, after all.

TIN MAN ABOUT TOWN.

MR. KEARNEY OBJECTS.

He Will Contest the Electric Wire Line Franchise.

M. Theo Kearney will contest the re-

cant action of the Board of Supervisors in granting Captain W. A. Neville the privilege to run poles and electric wires along Kearny and Arthur avenues from this city to the Visalia and La Foothills vineyards, west of town, both of which are owned by him.

The avenues in question were dedicated to the county by Mr. Kearney. His intention to con-

tend the franchise is nothing in that, I

think, which could terminate in insanity.

And Japan's definition of pure religion does not tell you, turn to the sermon on the mount, and read the broader definition therein contained; then tell me, if you can, wherein religion, as the Nazarene conceived of it, tends to insanity.

No! There is no ranker thought

than this, that religion, in any right meaning of the word, can cause insanity.

Religion is based on the higher

and nobler qualities of the soul;

but there should be a better. For never

yet did genuine religion end in mania.

"True religion and undedicated before

and the Father is this. To visit the faith-

ers and widow in the affliction and

to keep them comforted from the tempests

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taken, unless the Christ, who did not

teach that kind of thing, was in error,

and we will not admit on this Sabbath

that such is the case, will we?

And this in greater or lesser degree is

the sort of thing, taking unto itself

the "name of religion, does sometimes terminate in insanity.

To bear the mind which succeeds to

such a name must already be close to

insanity, that is required to a such a

thing as this, that dark

chamber and heart; I heard them rave as

madman rave; I saw them jump on and

over benches; I saw two women leap

and heard them scream until they fell to

the ground unconscious and were car-

ried away. That said that the spirit of

God was mighty there; perhaps it

was. I saw, and heard them

things. I say, but I did not say one

word of visiting that worthless and the

widows! I heard nothing of reaching

out. The whole thing seemed to re-

lease itself into a mad revel of joy that

"I am saved," and the "religion" that

can be noted, bounded and encom-

passed about by the capital letter "I"

is too narrow to be very useful in this

world, I judge. The supreme charac-

teristic of the man of Nazareth, I think,

was his forgetfulness of the "I" and his

remembrance of the "you."

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They were the Africans in the wood-

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COOK'S COLORED

THEY WERE NOT IN IT

The Stockton Boys Badly Defeated.

"**REPUBLICANS**" WIN EASILY
An Exciting Game for Six Innings.
About \$200 for the
Orphans.

tried to catch Chance at third and Frank won on Walkers' error. Lockhead scored on the appearance of the spectators by catching a high foul from Decker's bat after a long run to the track.

Lockhead fouled to Brittan and Chase hit to McCarthy, who threw him out at first. Stewart fouled to Brittan.



From Tuesday's Daily.

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THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

The Little Red Imp of Political Cunning.

'TIS STALWART MEN WE NEED
Supervisor Smith Finds a Fine Woman—Hope for a Partial Credit.

Have you ever heard tell of the little red imp of political cunning? He is a shrewd fellow, this little red imp. He is cunning as the little fox is cunning. He has but one article in his confession of faith, and this it is: "The people are fools." He has but one rule of action in his existence, and this it is: "I will play the people for the fools I believe them to be. Does he make this rule of action win? Very frequently. Did I not tell you that he is cunning?"

Watch him operate. The people are to elect a concealer, he may say. "He must be of your party," whispers the imp of political cunning to the voter.

"But the other candidate is the better man," says the voter.

"Ah, but he is not of your party."

"But what earthly difference does it make in the conduct of the affairs of a constable's office whether he is of one party or another? Can a Democrat serve papers or make arrests better than a Republican, or a Republican better than a Democrat?"

"Dear boy, you foolish, foolish man, do you not realize that the general acceptance of your views might cause the other party to elect its candidate? And the other party is likely to make many unlikely things of your party."

So to the voter casts his ballot for the candidate of his party regardless of his merit or lack of it.

Ah, the little red imp is cunning.

"The other party's candidate," says the imp, "has a reputation for paying his bills, and it may help him in his candidacy."

"I know; I know," says the partisan, "but what can I do about it? He has the reputation, and I cannot successfully do anything."

"So you are on any old bill," whispers the imp. "It doesn't matter whether it is just or unjust. Wait till the election is on, and then sue him. The effect will be the same in every event."

And if voters are beguiled by the suit, did I not tell you that the little red imp is cunning?

"The other fellows are preparing to do some stuffing," suggests the imp.

"Well, whether they are or not, you can bet your life that I am," remarks the imp.

"Don't mention me! But if you will take my advice, you will raise a yell about stuffing that will distract public attention from your track."

So the yell is raised. And the imp puts the partisan on the back. But the people are not always fooled.

"Cry that the other man is a knave," says the imp. And the cry goes up ad nauseam.

"Approve anything that may elect your candidate." It is approved.

If there is a man of intelligence beyond that which goes with intelligence of a fool, he will digress and talk more with the cynical, two-faced, double-bladed maniac in which American politics is conducted. I have rarely met him. It is not flattering to any man to be constantly played for a fool, and I wonder that the people bear it as they do. It is lamentable to see knaves and tricksters constantly popping up in politics. It is vastly deplorable to see men who have betrayed the public trust, and who are known to be as consciousness as so many shrimp, running party machines to grind out their government. Yet those are the men that we see on every hand, and the spectre of a man who should be behind bars bussing his party in city, county or state is not infrequent.

There is but one remedy for a condition which thus reflects upon and disgraces us all. When good citizens unite in refusing to take any pull that a party boss may offer to them; when they hold citizenship higher than partisanship; when they firmly relegate political rascals to the ear; when they are active in caucus and primary, as on election day, when they are willing to come forward and not pull them in all parties; let them unite to divorce politics and knavery and they will succeed. But until they do something of the kind, we must expect to continue to be ashamed of the base thing which politics so frequently was.

Financial result of the ball game between the Stockton and Republican teams. I humbly hope that the boys will find themselves credited with at least a part of the amount on the big book upstairs, for it does seem to me that to have helped them in their efforts to the amount of \$400 was a good idea. I also almost sure that I could think to had a little one among them.

Of course, in suspecting this humble hope I am aware of the huge obstacle which stands in the way of such a credit, but as I have heard that one may be credited even with a cup of cold water given to "one of these, my little ones," I have ventured to trust against trust that the matter may be compromised up there so that that the boys will be credited with, say, \$40 or \$50. I have little influence in that direction, but the fact is that the world has been given the benefit of the credit for a small part, anyway, of the money they donated to bring cheer to many baby hearts.

He gave a cup of water to thirsting little ones, and the angel gave him credit for the feed; and that's that, for I have read it, that found him a little boy.

I have never yet read it though perhaps the text is:

The angels graciously received him, looking pained.

And asked him this question in style of "What do you do?"

"Will you give me now this water you obtained?"

This is the question which has been agitating the members of the City Board of Education for the past week. So fearful have they been of the destruction of the beautiful edifice that they employed ex-Deputy Sheriff Oashi Thomas as a night watchman about the premises.

The cause of the alarm was a charred spot, about two inches in diameter, under a stairway leading from the basement in the southwest corner of the building to the first floor. It was discovered by Janitor Harrison, who immediately notified the number of the fire department, and an investigation was made to determine what caused the fire. The fire was traced to the gas pipe, and the gas pipe was cut off.

In some manner the lamp on the table at which the children were seated was overturned, the burning oil covering the Lane boy. The screams of the children attracted the ladies, and Mrs. Lane, regardless of self, enveloped the boy in her skirts, extinguishing the flames. The lad was badly burned on the face, hands, body, and Mrs. Lane also received some severe burns.

After the gas pipe was cut off, Percy Lane, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Lane, was seriously burned about the face and body Monday evening at the country residence of W. W. Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Lane and their two children, Percy and Laurel, were spending the evening with the Phillipses. After dinner the children gathered around a table in the drawing room to play cards. Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Lane seated themselves in an adjoining room, and the gentlemen repaired to the billiard room.

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A CHARRED SPOT.

Was There an Attempt to Burn the High School?

THE TRUSTEES WERE ALARMED
An Important Proposition to Annex the Free Kindergarten to the School System.

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